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YOUR GOVERNMENT AND MINE

Events of the past two or three years have led thinking people to believe that our country has the most stable government in the world in spite of the fact that it also has imperfections. But these events have also shown us that our government was never in so great danger as now because of a persistent propaganda to destroy its force and break down the authority of our laws.

A quotation from an article which appeared in the New York Herald, Detroit Free Press and other great dailies on Monday of this week shows us the danger with which we are threatened. It says in part:

"Many thousands of men and women in this country are working industriously, aggressively and persistently in the blind hope of overthrowing the government.

"They are working under explicit and very full instructions from the Soviet government of Russia. Evidence that proves this, and abundantly, is in the hands of the agents of the department of justice, in this and other important cities, and a large store of confirmatory material has been forwarded to Washington.

"Nineteen of these plotters have just been pardoned from terms in federal prisons, to run from one to five years, and 20 others, headed by William Z. Foster, who directed the steel strike of 1919, are to go to trial in Michigan next month.

"These plotters and schemers belong to the Communist party or its affiliates, and are directed by Lenin and Trotsky."

The story of Russia's downfall is familiar to most of us, Lenin and Trotsky have exploited that country until a complete state of lawlessness and anarchy exists, and the people are in such a deplorable condition that we are sending them millions of dollars to keep them from starving while their industries are paralyzed and their fictitious money is valueless.

Every citizen of the United States in every community should be on guard against this propaganda, and on the lookout for people who are advocating disrespect for law. This is our government, yours and mine. If it continues to be the strongest and best in the world, it will do so because we have respect for it, are loyal to it, and defend it against its enemies who would destroy it that they may profit thereby and do as they please without regard to law, order, justice or right.

It is almost unbelievable, but the secret service department of our government has gathered conclusive evidence which shows that there are nearly a half million people in this country who are banded together for the avowed purpose of destroying our form of government. Tons of literature have been seized and destroyed and it has been determined that the slogan will be:

1. Adopt Russia as a model and stick to it.
2. Achieve your purpose by having the masses rise up and rebel against private ownership of capitalists and landlords in modern society.
3. Nationalize all industrial establishments and declare the land the property of the nation, to be used only by those who work it with their own hands.

This is your government and mine. Are we going to preserve it by our loyalty to American ideals and institutions or are we going to give it over to anarchy and red rebellion by our own carelessness and lawlessness. Now is the time for every citizen to take a firm stand for a stable government regulated by constitutional respect and law enforcement.

A FEW REMARKS ON MARKS

According to a report made to the Department of Commerce by U. S. Consul Sauer, stationed at Cologne, Germany, the rate of wages in September for German unskilled workers was 14,600 marks per month, as compared with 112 marks per month in 1913; while skilled labor, which received 400 to 500 marks in 1913, per month, now receives from 20,000 to 23,000 marks per month. Thus the skilled wage, in marks, is 48 times the pre-war rate.

Interpreted in American dollars this would mean that in 1913, when marks were quoted at about four to the dollar, the unskilled worker received \$28.00 per month; today with marks quoted at 8.000 to the dollar his monthly wage is \$1.83 expressed in our money. The skilled workers received between \$100 and \$125 in our money in 1913. They now receive from \$2.50 to \$2.63 expressed in American dollars.

The advantage to the American importer of German goods with his American dollar in Germany is pretty well indicated by these figures. He can purchase 15 times the unskilled labor and 48 times the skilled labor represented in his purchases today that he could in 1913.

It is obvious, therefore, that the protective tariff law recently passed by Congress can not materially injure German manufacturers, although it may reduce just a trifle the profits which the importers were making under the Underwood tariff.

Statistics would seem to bear out this statement. For example, 44,000,000 yards of laces and lace articles imported from Germany the fiscal year ending June 30th, last, were valued at \$993,000, while 20,000,000 yards imported from China, where labor was formerly the cheapest in the world, were valued at \$2,832,000. The unit value of gloves imported from France was \$16.90 a dozen pairs; from Germany \$6.07. Statistics are not available for a comparison of import prices on German goods 1913 and 1922, but it is probable that the volume of German imports included in the \$83,000,000 worth which came into this country in 1922 was equal to, if not greater than the volume included in the \$137,000,000 worth of German imports coming in in 1913. Americans should be glad that they live in a country where values are measured in honest dollars and not in bushels of fictitious marks.

Some people spend a lot of time in bemoaning their fate and damning their luck. The same amount of time and energy, if spent in some useful pursuit or in endeavoring to locate a profitable occupation, would preclude the possibility of even thinking of luck or fate. Think of the bright side of life—or don't think.

Phool Philosophy BY Old Cy Collegy

"Good fellows" should have good habits, but many of them don't.

The sinner who openly swears like a pirate may still be about as good as the deacon who rips them out in the privacy of his own wood shed.

If time is money a lot of people do a credit business.

Many a husband makes a mistake in keeping secrets from his wife. She suspects them of being worse than they are.

Bobbed hair is no longer stylish, but it declines to hasten its growth.

Now that the smoke of battle has cleared away, how many times did you forget to vote?

A bashful man is fortunate in one way. It is easy for him to avoid rushing headlong into matrimony.

Not all men are silly. A few are only foolish.

Marriageable young women should learn to say "no" before saying "yes." A manly sport enjoys the chase.

It isn't every man who seeks justice. Some fear it.

Many a man who seeks publicity flees from it in the end.

Death comes to us all, but with some people it pauses a long time as the door.

And now comes a writer with the assertion that nations have nerves. Perhaps that is the reason some of them are so nervy.

A rejected lover can always punish the girl by refusing to ask her again.

"A bachelor says that a mule is the most obstinate thing on earth," chirps an exchange. We suspect, however, that some marriageable women think differently.

Make a fool of yourself, if you must; but don't proclaim yourself an idiot by making excuses.

This is an age when the office does not seek the man. It doesn't have an opportunity.

Europe continues to turn out its usual grist of wars, but they are not all confined to the other side of the big pond. American divorce courts are sharing quite a few of them.

Don't blow your own horn. People who can not attract attention in any other way are not worth it.

If you treat your enemy as you would have him treat you the enmity between you will soon die out.

The narrow minded man is never happy unless he has something to be unhappy over.

With Our State Contemporaries

MICHIGAN'S LAND PROBLEM

The conference called by the state department of agriculture to consider the land problem attacked a question that means much to the future growth and prosperity of the state. It is said that there are about 6,000,000 acres of unoccupied Michigan land suitable for settlement. A very considerable part of it is in the 12,000,000-acre area of cutover land in the upper peninsula and the northern part of the lower peninsula, where every sort of land from good to worthless is to be found. Unfortunately for the state, misguided settlers have been trying for years to establish themselves on land which could not be profitably handled and one of the results of their ventures is a large part of the 3,000,000 acres upon which arrears of taxes are now due.

Many of these unfortunate farmers were drawn into their bad bargains by real estate dealers—or, rather, land sharks—who unloaded their worthless holdings upon ignorant men and left them to starve upon farms that are fit for nothing, except possibly reforestation. Operations of that sort have been sufficiently extensive to give Michigan a bad name and to stand in the way of finding buyers for the good land that is to be had in many of the thinly populated counties.

The problem confronting the conference in Lansing is how to checkmate the landsharks, guide desirable settlers to good land properly situated, and keep them off land where they can never hope to make a success.

Two years ago, the Michigan Academy of Science took up these questions and made a series of recommendations as to what ought to be done. Underlying the whole plan was the need for a survey and classification of all land available for settlement so that every tract could be graded into farm land, grazing land, forest land or worthless land as the case might be. In addition the academy recommended that every area should be considered in its relations to markets, the state of development of the surrounding territory and other matters which would give the intending settler a good idea of the conditions he would face in any part of the state where cheap land is available.

Some effort has been made in this

direction though no comprehensive scheme has ever been carried out. The conference at Lansing has approved a similar plan under which owners of unsettled tracts will be invited to have their lands inspected and classified by experts in the employ of the state, who would issue certificates showing the character of the soil. The owner would pay for this work and agree to keep unsuitable land out of the market. His advantage would arise from the possession of a certificate which would remove the suspicion now attaching to Michigan wild land in general. It would help him to sell his land to purchasers at a distance. At the same time it is proposed that the legislature shall make these certificates official and shall prohibit the sale of uncertified land except to purchasers who have seen the property.

This plan has attractive features and will be worthy of thorough consideration. If the legislature should not see fit to approve it then some better scheme should be evolved for it is high time the whole problem was taken up and solved. It may be said that the real problem is not to find more land, but to make what is already developed profitable and while there is truth in that view the present troubles of the farmer are temporary. On the other hand the state is growing, and the demand for more land to take care of city markets will inevitably arise. Michigan should take steps not only to stop present evils but to provide for future growth.—Detroit Free Press.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, local, county and State anti-tuberculosis workers have succeeded in the last five years, in making a substantial reduction in the death rate from the white plague, and Whereas, this reduction has been accomplished in large part by means of preventative and educational methods that have cut down the spread of this dread disease, and

Whereas, the chief need at this time in the program of effort against tuberculosis is an awakened public realization of the menace and appreciation of the importance of guarding against it, in order further to reduce the death rate, thereof.

I, the Mayor of Alma, do hereby proclaim Sunday, December 10, Tuberculosis Sunday, and the week beginning December 10, Tuberculosis Week, in keeping with the action of hundreds of sister cities throughout the nation and urge that the people of our city give some thought to the danger from the disease and the best methods of protection against it.

I further commend the cause to the ministers of our city, and to the newspapers and all other educational influences, with the thought that they may well devote some effort on that day and during that week to cooperation in the work of popularizing prevention, and to this end should emphasize the task of the penny Christmas Seals, which make the anti-tuberculosis work possible.

Given under my hand and seal, this 5th day of Dec. 1922.

(Signed) Charles R. Murphy, Mayor of Alma, Mich.

New Library Books at Alma College

Following is a list of new books which have just recently been added to the Alma College library:

- Abbott, Lyman—Illustrated commentary on the Gospels. 1906.
- Boyd, J. O. & others—Teaching the teacher. 1921.
- Bryan, W. J.—In His image. 1922.
- *Cave, Sydney—Luring religions of the East. 1922.
- Coombs, J. V.—Religious delusions. 4th ed. 1904.
- Evans, William—What every Christian should believe. 1922.
- Fairchild—Elements of theology. 1892.
- Fairhurst, Alfred—Organic evolution considered. 1913.
- Fairhurst, Alfred—Theistic evolution. 1919.
- Kennedy, J. G.—Evolution discredited.
- Keyser, L. S.—Contending for the Faith. 1920.
- Keyser, L. S.—System of Christian evidence. 1922.
- The King's Business, (a monthly periodical), current.
- Knapp, E. C.—Community daily vacation Bible school. 1922.
- Maurol, Phillip—Evolution at the bar.
- *Moule, H. C. G.—Outlines of Christian doctrine.
- Mullins, E. Y.—Why is Christianity true? 1905.
- Piercy, W. C.—Illustrated Bible. 1908.
- Schaff, Philip—Theological propaedeutic. 1916.
- Torrey, R. A.—Return of the Lord Jesus. 1913.
- Weidner, R. F.—Introductory to dogmatic theology. 1895.
- White, H. W.—Demonism verified and analyzed. 1922.
- Wright, G. F.—Origin and antiquity of man. 1912.
- *Not yet received.

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(Intended for last week)

Vannal Slates, who is working in Lansing, his sister, Mrs. Kenny, and his niece, Miss Taylor, all from Lansing spent the week end at the Slates home here.

The Opal Allen family of Grove avenue are moving to Breckenridge, to the farm there owned by Mrs. Mockridge, Mrs. Allen's mother.

Miss Mary McIntyre from the Sanatorium at Battle Creek is spending Thanksgiving with her parents on Michigan avenue.

Master Stanley Shaffer, Marquette street is suffering from an attack of mumps and tonsillitis.

Record Directory FOR READY REFERENCE

President and Congress
President, Warren G. Harding, Ohio, salary \$75,000, with allowance for traveling expenses up to \$25,000 extra, and \$100,000 more for clerk hire and White House expenses—\$250,000 in all. (Subject to change.)
Vice-President, Calvin Coolidge, Mass., salary \$12,500. President pro tem of senate, Albert B. Cummins, Iowa.
Speaker of House, Frederick H. Gillett of Mass., salary \$12,000. The 96 Senators and 435 Representatives of 47th congress receive \$7,500 salary each, with mileage extra at 20 cents a mile each way, each session, figured on distance between their homes and Washington; also \$125 extra for stationery, newspapers, etc. Each is also allowed \$3,500 a year for clerk hire. Ratio of representation, one member to each 114,810 population.
Party Division in 67th Congress: House, 281 Rep., 132 Dem., 1 Soc. Senate 59 Rep., 37 Dem.
U. S. Senators—Chas. E. Townsend, Truman H. Newberry.
Representative in Congress—Joseph W. Fordney.

The Cabinet
Arranged in order of presidential succession: Sec'y State, Charles E. Hughes, N. Y.; Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, Pa.; War, John W. Weeks, Mass.; Atty. Gen., Harry M. Daugherty, Ohio; Postmaster-General, Ralph W. Hays, Nev.; Navy, Edwin Denney, Mich.; Interior, Albert B. Fall, N. Mex.; Agriculture, Henry C. Wallace, Iowa; Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover, Calif.; Labor, James J. Davis, Pa. Salary of each \$12,000.

The Supreme Court
Chief Justice, William Howard Taft, salary \$15,000. Associate Justices, salary, \$14,500 each: Jos. McKenna, Calif.; (Dem.); Oliver W. Holmes, Mass. (Rep.); Wm. R. Day, Ohio, (Rep.); Willis VanDevanter, (Rep.); Charles Evans Hughes, N. J. (Rep.); James McReynolds, Tenn. (Dem.); Louis D. Brandeis, Mass. (Dem.); John H. Clarke, Ohio, (Dem.)

Michigan Government
Governor, Mes. J. Throckmold, salary, \$5,000. Lieut. Gov., Thomas Reed, salary, \$300.00. Secretary of State, Charles J. Deland, salary, \$2,500.00; State Treas., Frank E. Gorman, salary, \$2,500.00; Auditor Gen., Orin M. B. Fuller, salary \$2,000.00; Attorney Gen., Martin Wiley, salary \$2,000.00; Supt. of Public Instruction, Thomas E. Johnson, salary, \$4,000.00; State Highway Comm., Frank J. Rogers, salary \$1,500.00; Senator of District, Anson R. S. Moore, Joseph H. Stacey, Howard West, Grant Fellows, John W. Stone, Geo. M. Clark, John E. Hind, Nelson Sharp.
County Officers
Circuit Judge, Edward J. Moinet, salary \$2,500.00; Judge of Probate, James G. Kress, salary, \$2,500.00; Sheriff, A. T. Wilbert, salary, (est.) Carl E. Burns, salary, \$1,500; Treas., Sidney Evey, salary, \$1,500; Asst. Atty., Roseline Clark, salary \$2,000; Deput. Secy. of Health, Howard Potter, salary, \$1,000; Circuit Court Clerk, Archie McCall, Wm. A. Hahnke, fees; Drain Comm., Erva Laycock, salary \$1,000; Coroner, W. K. Ludwig, Dr. Hall, fees.

City Government
Mayor, Chas. R. Murphy, salary, \$800.00; City Commissioners, John C. Chick, Floyd Glass, A. J. Archer, Philip Greenow, salary, \$200.00; City Manager, Wm. E. Reynolds, salary \$200.00; City Clerk, Clarence P. Black, salary \$1,800.00; City Treasurer, D. W. Adams, salary, \$1,800.00; City Assessor, Wm. A. Hahnke, salary, \$1,200.00; Health Officer, Dr. C. F. Duffell, salary \$1,200.00; Chief of Police, James R. Campbell, salary \$1,700.00; Supervisor, 1st ward, Jesse E. Fuller, 2nd ward, Nicholas E. Saad, 3rd ward, Albert P. Cook, 4th ward, Jacob R. Holman, salary, \$2.00 per day or actual time.

HOUSEHOLD RECIPES

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No more delicious, nourishing and economical dishes than these two could be provided for winter use. We have long had them on our table and can recommend them as well worth trying.
Mrs. Francis Kling.

VEGETABLE CHOWDER

1/2 lb. salt pork	2 quarts cold water
2 or 3 sprigs parsley	A little celery
1 kernel garlic	Any left over peas
2 carrots	1 tablespoon butter
1/2 medium sized cabbage	Rice, salt and pepper

1 scant cup dried beans, Lima or kidney, soaked over night. Cut off the rind of the pork and put it into 2 quarts of water to boil. Cut off a small slice of the pork and beat it to a paste with the parsley and garlic. Add this paste to the pork and water. Slice the carrots, cut the rib out of the cabbage leaves. Add the carrots, cabbage leaves, other vegetables, seasoning and butter to the soup, and let it boil slowly for 2 1/2 hours. The last 1/2 hour add 1 small handful of rice for each person.

When the pork is very soft, remove and slice in little ribbons and put it back.

This is equally good eaten cold. Three bouillon cubes may be used instead of pork, or may be added if a richer soup is desired.

A VERY FINE SPAGHETTI

1/2 lb. round steak	A few dried mushrooms, if desired
1/2 salt pork or bacon	A clove of garlic
1 small onion	Several sprigs parsley
1 tablespoon butter or substitute	Fresh or canned tomatoes

Grind the salt pork and try it out in a saucepan. While it is frying put the onion through the grinder. As soon as the pork begins to brown, add the onion, the parsley chopped, the garlic shredded fine, and the mushrooms which have been softened by soaking in warm water. When the vegetables are very brown (great care must be taken not to burn the onion, which scorches very easily) add the meat ground coarsely or put up in little cubes. When the meat is a good brown color add about one pint of tomatoes and simmer slowly until all has cooked down to a thick creamy sauce. It will probably take 1/2 hour. The sauce may be bound together with a little flour if it shows a tendency to separate.

This sauce is used to dress all kinds of macaroni and spaghetti, also for boiled rice. Spaghetti should be left unbroken when it is cooked. If it is too long to fit in the kettle immerse one end in the boiling salted water and in a very few minutes the ends of the spaghetti under the water will become softened so that the rest can be pushed down into the kettle. Be careful not to overcook it and it will not be pasty, but firm and tender. Drain it carefully and put in a hot soup tureen. Sprinkle a handful of grated cheese over it and pour on the sauce. Lift with two forks until thoroughly mixed.

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